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Classified By: Political M/C Alice G. Wells. Reasons: 1.4(B/D).

(S) We raised reftel request for further identifying information on Iranian Deputy Interior Minister General Zolqadr with Vladimir Safronkov, Chief of the MFA's UN Political Affairs Section. While Safronkov took the request on board, he considered it "unusual" and was skeptical that Russia would release information about an official visitor from its consular files to the U.S. or the U.N. He reiterated Russia's argument that Moscow had complied with its obligations by notifying the Iran Sanctions Committee in advance of Zolqadr's travel.